

Rich/Alan:
Another Jordan Lake item for you to be aware of.

Subject:
[Fwd: Jordan Lake Rules]
From:
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Lois wrote:

Jeff

This lady called me and wanted this to go to the EMC, of course. I told her to just send it to me. Isn't it too late for this also to be included in comments since it is past the comment period.

Also, I just got off the phone with Frank. He said just to have the other letter from SELC and this letter with me at the meeting in case we needed to look at it. But we will not have it passed around otherwise.

Please advise. Do you want me to forward to Coleen and Steve Tedder?

Subject:
Jordan Lake Rules
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To: Members of the NC Environmental Management Commission
From: Elaine Chiosso, Executive Director, Haw River Assembly
Date: March 6, 2007
Re: Jordan Reservoir Nutrient Management Rules - Nitrogen Reduction Implementation

The Haw River Assembly (along with the Southern Environmental Law Center and Environment NC) provided EMC members with written comments (January 3, 2007) expressing concern that several provisions in the current draft of the Nutrient Rules for the Jordan Reservoir Watershed have been significantly weakened. Of primary concern is the delayed date for implementation of WWTP nitrogen reductions

The deadline for implementation of new nitrogen reductions was changed from 2011 (in the May 2006 draft rules) to 2016 in the current draft. The revised deadline is yet another extension that pushes the schedule for any action to almost 20 years after the state first proposed nitrogen reductions in nutrient sensitive waters such as Jordan Lake. Although we remain concerned that the original date of 2011 creates a high risk potential for threats to water quality associated with excessive algae growth, the 2016 deadline will even further jeopardize the health and future of Jordan Lake, without adequate safeguards in place..

We believe that this deadline was reached to accommodate concerns by local governments, particularly those who discharge into the Haw River arm of the lake. However, we do not feel that the concerns of the public who drink the water from the reservoir, and use it for recreation have been equally heard. The Chatham County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution on February 19, 2007 requesting that the EMC move the nitrogen implementation date back to 2011 in order to safeguard drinking water and recreation use for Jordan Lake. We believe if these rules go to public comment with the 2016 implementation deadline for nitrogen there will be a loud public outcry from those citizens who feel directly affected by the pollution..

We do not wish to delay the rules being sent out for the formal comment period. We do however urge you to make this change at your meeting on March 8, so that we can support the passage of rules that will protect Jordan Lake as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Elaine Chiosso
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